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Clinical Research Information System  
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Aug. 21, 2004

CRIS: 301-594-DCRI  
[cris.cc.nih.gov](http://cris.cc.nih.gov)

**For more information  
on training require-  
ments and scheduling,  
call (301) 435-5077.**

## A Clinical Research Information System for NIH

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This summer's implementation covers the core component of CRIS, which covers the system's patient-care functions now handled by the Clinical Center's 28-year-old MIS (Medical Information System). Included is the electronic medical record, housing data such as lab results, pharmacy orders, and clinical care documentation.

### Training

CRIS training continues through Aug. 12. The number of hours and type of training you receive depends on your job.

Call the training hotline, **(301) 435-5077**, to confirm training requirements and to register for classes.

**Online tutorial:** View the online tutorial *Intro to CRIS* for a general orientation to CRIS. Prescribers should view this tutorial before attending class. Go to:  
<http://cris.cc.nih.gov/public/cristraining/tutorial.html>

### CRIS access form

Affiliate medical staff (except nurses) must complete and have a supervisor sign a CRIS Access Form in order to have a CRIS account set up. DCRI must receive this form at least 10 business days before your scheduled training. The form is available on

the CRIS website, [cris.cc.nih.gov](http://cris.cc.nih.gov). Prescribers and nurses **do not** need to complete this form. Prescriber accounts are being set up in coordination with the CC Credentialing Office, and nursing accounts in coordination with the CC Nursing Department.

### The CRIS Practice Lab

The CRIS Practice Lab is now open. Before formal training, visit the practice lab for a general orientation to the CRIS screens. After training, use the lab to keep your skills fresh with hand-on, individualized practice. Look for the blue curtain across from admissions. Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-12 noon and 1 pm - 4 pm.

### What makes up CRIS?

Once complete, a number of distinct information systems will feed into two CRIS hubs, the the Clinical Data Repository and the Clinical Data Warehouse.

*Look to the Clinical Data Repository* for information such as patient demographics, lab results, pharmacy orders, the hospital services formulary, information from referring physicians, physician notes, links to patient images in the radiology imaging system, and multidisciplinary documentation of care.

*The Clinical Data Warehouse* will centralize historical patient data and be organized for retrieval and analysis of data in groups in ways that assure patient privacy and confidentiality. Warehouse ancillary systems will focus on tracking information in support of safety and organizational efficiency initiatives.